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THE PROCESS BY WHICH TORTOISE SHELL IS PROCURED.

Fires Set on the Living Turtle to Sepa-Struck an Observer as Meartless.

There are many articles of daily and hourly use constantly passing before our eyes and through our hands about the production of which we know comparatively little or nothing. An interesting example of this is tortoise shell, from which combs and hairpins are made, besides a multitude of trinkets apolis Journal. for the dressing table, the desk and the pocket. Fierce crusades have been instituted in recent years against the slaughter of birds for the procurement of their plumage for list trimmings, and yet I venture to say that the process of procuring tortoise shell is a cru-elty to animal life which far exceeds that to which birds are subjected.

In the eighties I happened to be down in Bluefichis, on that awful Mosquito coust, and at the invitation of one Manuel Lateus, who was the owner and captain of a small schooner, went with him to the cay El Roncador for tortoise shell. This cay gets its name (which in English would be the Suorer) from the exceedingly engry surf, which can be beard for a long distance breaking over the reefs. This is the cay on which a couple of years back the historic old ship Kearsarge was wrecked and bat-tered to pieces. El Roncador is nothing more or less than a typical coral island, such as is found throughout the southern seas, three-quarters of a mile long, perhaps, and not more than a quarter of a mile across its widest part. Surrounding the island is a reef, inside of which the water is smooth and rathshallow water there grows a peculiar kind of sea grass which is a dainty food for the turtle tribes. There is also found on the top of the water inside the reef a sort of small blubber fish, called in Spanish dedales, or thimble fish, which is perhaps the greatest delicacy

of the entire turtle menu.

The turtle whose shell is valued in commerce is a small species known as the hawk bill. There are other varieties which come to El Roncador to spawn, but they are not molested. Dur-ing the night the turtles crawl up on the shore to lay their eggs, each female depositing on an average about 70. To do this they dig holes in the sand about two feet deep and after laying the eggs cover them over so deftly that it is almost impossible for a novice to find them. These eggs are really delicious when roasted, but the turtle fishers are careful not to destroy those they do not take for food, so as to promote as much as possible the increase of this valuable sea reptile. At night the fishers conceal themselves along the shore as well as that is, pictures taken with a rapid expossible, and when the turtles come up out of the water on the beach they rush forth and turn them over on their Lacks with iron hooks, leaving them secure in the lens and the direct rays. this position until morning.

The tortoise shell of commerce is not, as is generally believed, the horny cover-ing or shell proper of the turtle; it is the scales which cover the shield. These scales are 13 in number, 8 of them being fiat and the other 5 somewhat curved. Four of those that are flat are quite large, sometimes being as much as 12 inches long and 7 inches broad, nearly transparent and beautifully variegated in color with red, yellow, white and dark brown clouds, which give the effects so fully brought out when the shell Leing from an eighth to a quarter of an | ing is a sample: inch in thickness.

It is the method by which these scales are loosened which is the repulsive part of the business. The turtles are not killed, as that would lead to their extermination in a very few years. After capturing them the fishers wait for daylight to complete the work. The turtles are turned over again in their natural position and fastened firmly to the similar in shape to a chemist's spatula, ficial results in all chronic bronchial is then inserted horizontally between and pulmonary disorders. the lamine, which are gently pried from the back. Great care must be takis fully prepared for separation by a

sufficient amount of warmth. The operation, as one may readily imagine, is the extreme of cruelty, and in time grow a new covering, just as been answered. a man will grow a new finger nail in place of one he might lose. The peculiarity of the second growth of shell.

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though, is that instead of reproducing the original number of 18 segments it is

restored in one solid piece.

To see the operation of taking the shell from the living turtle once is about all a man of northern breeding wants of it, and if the helploss reptiles rate the Bony Layers of the House In logs under it their cries would tell of Which He Lives — A Business That so heartless a business as man has yet engaged in .- New York Post.

Impossible In Ris Case. Hungry Higgins-I see the paper says oughtn't to never begin a journey

before broakfast. Weary Watkins-Does it have any advice for us blokes that has to make a journey to find the breakfast?-Indian-

The most scientific forester in Europe says that the oldest trees in northern Europe are the pines of Norway and Sweden, and that these are not known to live more than 570 years. Germany's oldest oaks lived only a little more than

NAMES OF PEARLS.

About Five Thousand Small Ones Can Bo Bought For Nine Deliars.

Pearls are named according to their size. The very large are called paragon pearls; when the size of a cherry, cherpearls always have a market price.

ones are on the market at a time, they

ounce and are rated at about 89 per weighing an ounce (or 150 carats) was

How to Take Moonlight Photographs. Moonlight effects in photographs have and professional photographers for their beauty, and many plates, too, have been spoiled by snap shotters who have accept-Mocalights with the moon herself in fore they came in contract with mod evidence are really sun photographs—ern means of transportation. posure, the camera pointed toward the

tures are taken by making two expothat line the long street or mark out the roads and winding pathways of a city park .- James B. Carrington in Scrib-

An Old Catechism.

At a meeting of the Worcester Antiis properly polished. A turtle of aver-age size will furnish about eight pounds when he was a boy in Worcester a cate-of these laming, or scales, each piece chism was in use of which the follow-Where is hell?

Under the earth-a place of darkness. Who live in hell? The devil, his angels and bad men. What do they do in hell?

They curse God and sin continually. Do you deserve to go to hell?

For any one to assert that petroleum ground by means of pegs. Then a bunch oil possesses no therapeutic power is of dried leaves or sea grass is spread simply to make an assertion of igno-evenly over the back of the turtle and rance, for petroleum, or rock oil, as it is simply to make an assertion of ignoset afire. The heat is not great enough sometimes called, is, it is well known to injure the shell, merely causing it to to those who have paid any attention to separate the joints. A large blade, very the subject, used with the most bene-

ca not to injure the shell by too much to the Albuquerque Democrat to doubt plenty of water in the Guadaheat, and yet it is not forced off until it know how a man can own a land grant lupes, but which was hidden by the age on timber for same, in the probate whites .- Eddy Current. court, and not own grant enough to many turtles do not survive it. Most of pay taxes on it. This is indeed an inthem do live, however, and thrive, and trieate problem and so far has not

The Sacramento Chief gives the following definition of a well-known animai: "A mossback is a cross between matter his personal attention. a snail and an Egyptian mummy, Without extra exertion, languid, dull with all the instinct of the swine. and listless, your blood is failing to They are readily recognized by the supply to your muscles and other or- green on their backs and are inveter-

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> sun generally in the late afternoon or the Dingley law are being rapidly ful-Many charming so called night pic- more than a million dollars a day during the entire month and were nearly sores, a short one in the rapidly dimin- \$2,000,000 in excess of the expenditures ishing afternoon sunlight, to get an im- of the month, Indications are that pression of buildings and other dark ob- March will do still better, as the stock jects and another longer one after dark of goods which were brought in prior to print in the gas and electric lights to the ensetment of the new law are now practically exhausted and heavy imports, especially in sugar, are expected during the next few months. The February receipts under the new law were greater than in any February since the inauguration of President Cieveland, and the customs receipts were also larger than those of any February since President Cleveland and his free-trade Congress took possession of the finances of the nation. The increase in customs receipts since the new law went into effect has been very rapid, the figures being \$225,409 per diem in its first month, and \$537,-191 in its seventh month, February

Assessor W. F. Cochran last week found a fine spring of water on his place on top of the Guadalupes. It is supposed the spring has been covered up by the Indians years ago on account of the fact that a cliff of rocks near the spring was covered by old Indian signes and the formation around the spring showed unmistakable signs of A correspondent from Jemez writes having been disturbed. There is no enough to be awarded \$510 for stump- Indians to check the invasion of the

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